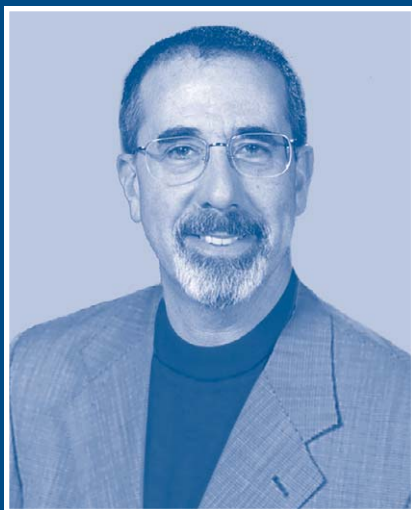


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Dear Neighbor,

It has been an honor and privilege to serve you in the Michigan Legislature. While my last term in Lansing is coming to a close, I am looking for ways to continue the community building and economic development initiatives I have fought for over the past 25 years. I want to thank you for the opportunity you have given me.

As I am moving on to other endeavors, I think it is appropriate that this letter focus on our future, Detroit's future, and how I hope to see programs I have helped put in place flourish and guide our state through the economic transformation we face.

Again, thank you for the chance to represent you in the Michigan Senate. Together, we can continue moving Detroit – and Michigan – forward. Congratulations to the Leland Scholars and all of this year's graduates. Good luck!

Sincerely,

*Burton Leland
State Senator • 5th District*

The Bigger Picture: Education, the Economy, and a Vision for the Future

Our children deserve the best that we can offer, and our economy depends on a workforce that is ready to take on the jobs of tomorrow. Throughout my tenure in the Legislature, I have fought hard to protect the jobs we have here in Detroit and in the whole

state. One of the most important factors in attracting business investment is being able to supply a quality workforce. This scholarship program is my hands-on approach to making that happen.

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Leland Scholars Announced

In 2002, I began the Leland Scholars Program. This scholarship essay contest awarded thousands of dollars to Detroit high school students who live in the area I represent. Each applicant was asked to write on the topic “How I Can Make Detroit Better.” This year’s winners were chosen by school counselors and each received \$1,000 at an award ceremony at the Redford Branch Library on May 13. Congratulations to this year’s winners:



Willie Adams of Grayfield Street
Rebecca Armstrong of Stahelin Avenue
Anthony Grandberry of Greenview Road
Ashley Griffin of Trinity Street
Jenelle Humes of Kentfield Street
Paris Jordan of Grandville Avenue
Crystal Pratt of Glastonbury Road
Avery Taylor of Archdale Street
Kyle Torgerson of Penrod Street

The Bigger Picture: Education, the Economy, and a Vision for the Future *continued from front side*

Detroit is in a unique position to lead the way in our state’s transformation to a more technology-driven, knowledge-based economy. We have a strong manufacturing tradition, top-tier research universities, and the hardest working people. These three pieces can make Detroit the driving force in growing and

diversifying our entire state’s economy.

To make this happen, we have to invest in what businesses need: strong roads and bridges, a well-trained workforce, and a vision for innovation. We can provide this environment if we invest in education and infrastructure and keep ourselves

focused on a long-term plan. As we all know, much of that investment must come from the state government. I have fought hard from Lansing for this for many years, and I am looking forward to the chance to work at these same goals from a more Detroit-specific perspective.